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TAGS: SHUM PINS AR
SUBJECT: DORA GODFARB

REF: STATE 300649

1. EMBASSY UNABLE TO CONFIRM MR. GODFARB'S STATEMENTS. THEY
APPEAR TO BE EITHER ERRONEOUS OR MISUNDERSTANDINGS. GODFARB
MET WITH EMBASSY POLOFF THAYER AND CONSOFF WHITMAN FOR HALF HOUR
NOV. 12. AMBASSADOR HILL WAS NOT IN ARGENTINA AT THE TIME.
GODFARB'S MAJOR PREOCCUPATION WAS GETTING DORA OUT OF PRISON.
HE ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING IMMIGRANT VISA FOR DAUGHTER.
CONSOFF EXPLAINED APPLICATION PROCEDURE, RESTRICTIONS AND WAITING
PERIOD INVOLVED, THEN GAVE GODFARB IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATION,
AS REQUESTED. (GODFARB HAS RETURNED PRELIMINARY INFORMATION SHEET.
NEXT STEP REQUIRED IS FOR US NATURALIZED FATHER TO PETITION
EMBASSY FOR FIRST PREFERENCE IMMIGRATION VISA STATUS (AFTER
JAN. 1). ELIBIBILITY WOULD STILL HAVE TO BE DETERMINED UNDER
SECTION 212 (A).)

2. INTERIOR MINISTRY ANNOUNCED IN LATE OCTOBER THAT PERSONS DETAINED
BY EXECUTIVE COULD PETITION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY 90 DAYS AFTER
ARREST ORDER. POSSIBLY MR. GODFARB HAS CONFUSED THIS TIME PERIOD
WITH A DEADLINE FOR DAUGHTER TO OBTAIN VISA. FORNMINISTRY IS
AWARE OF US INTEREST IN GODFARB CASE. THERE HAS BEEN NO
INDICATION THAT GOA IS CONSIDERING EXPELLING HER OR THAT THERE
IS ANY TIMETABLE FOR HER TO RECEIVE A VISA, EITHER FROM US OR ANY
OTHER COUNTRY. FATHER HAS NOT ADVISED OR CONSULTED WITH EMBASSY
ON THIS MATTER. SINCE DORA GODFARB HAS BEEN FORMALLY CHARGED,
WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT MR. GODFARB MEANS BY SAYING, "GOA WILL
CLOSE THE CASE." ALTHOUGH EMBASSY IS PLEASED THAT MR. GODFARB
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FEELS HE WAS WELL TREATED, WE REPEAT, AS WE DID TO HIM, THAT

THERE IS VERY LITTLE WE CAN DO AT THIS STAGE ON DORA GOLDFARB'S
BEHALF.
HILL

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